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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Benedict et al.
Appl. No. : 10/813,228
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Title : AUTOMATED SHIPBOARD MATERIAL HANDLING AND STORAGE
SYSTEM

Grp./A.U. : 3652
Examiner : Adams, Gregory W.

Docket No.:

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 21, 2006, the following is submitted:

An Election is made on page 2 of this response; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this response.

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Election Response

In response to the Restriction required under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, including claims 1-13. This election is made with traverse, and the Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application with respect to the subject matter set forth in claims 14-17, the claims of non-elected Group II.